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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK BOIT

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AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 1770

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF KHMER REPRESENTATIVE TO SINGAPORE

1. KHMER AMBASSADOR WONGSANITH TOLD DCM SATURDAY EVENING THAT SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE MAJOR GENERL SUTSAKHAN HAD ARRIVED IN SINGAPORE AND HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH MFA MINISTER OF STATE RAHIM BIN ISHAK AND PERMSEC GEORGE BOGAARS. KHMER EMBASSY HAD REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER BUT SO FAR HAS BEEN SHUTTLED TO MFA MINISTER OF STATE. KHMER EMBASSY IN PRESSING FOR APPOINTMENT WITH HIGHER AUTHORITY, HAD POINTED OUT THAT SUTSAKHAN HAD SEEN THANOM IN BANGKOK, SUHARTO IN JAKARTA, AND RAZAK IN KUALA LUMPUR. PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW IS SENSITIVE ABOUT HIS SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH SIHANOUK GOING BACK SOME YEARS, AND APPOINTMENT WITH PRIME MINISTER IS NOT LIKELY, EVEN THOUGH LEE SYMPATHIZES WITH PRESENT PLIGHT OF KHMER REPUBLIC.

2. IN RAHIM MEETING, SUTSAKHAN MADE ARGUMENT FOR CONSENSUS PROCEDURE ON KHMER REPRESENTATION QUESTION AT UP- COMING
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NON- ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN ALGIERS. RAHIM MERELY LISTENED

TO KHMER REPRESENTATIVE BUT MADE NO COMMENT ON BEHALF OF
GOS. HE ALSO LISTENED TO RUN- DOWN ON POLITICAL MILITARY
SITUATION IN CAMBODIA WITH NO COMMENT.

3. IN MEETING WITH BOGAARS THIS MORNING, AMBASSADOR WAS
TOLD THAT SUTSAKHAN AND RAHIM HAVE BEEN WELL ACQUAINTED
FOR SEVERAL YEARS. SUTSAKHAN ACCORDING TO BOGAARS
SEEMED QUITE SATISFIED WITH HIS MEETING WITH RAHIM
AND WAS NOT PRESSING FOR MEETING WITH PM OR FOREIGN
MINISTER.
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